(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Universities set up by Acts of the State Legislatures have to be declared fit by the UGC, in terms of the Rules framed under Section 12-B of the UGC Act, to receive grants from the Central Government, the UGC or any other organisation receiving funds from the Central Government. According to the information furnished by UGC, a request was received by the Commission from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in December, 1986, for providing financial assistance to the University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada. However, funds have not been provided as the Rules framed by UGC for declaring medical universities fit for necessary Central assistance have not been finalised by the Commission.

**Production and Export of Cashew Nuts**

@527. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of cashew nuts in India during the last three years;

(b) what is the domestic demand per annum during the same period; and

(c) what is the quantity of cashew nuts allowed to be exported during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) As per rough estimates available the total production of cashew nuts in India during the last three years is given below :—

| | Last three years (tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 2.86 |
| 1990-91 | 2.95 |
| 1991-92 | 3.05 |

(b) The total demand of raw cashew nuts in India is roughly 6 lakh tonnes per annum.

(c) The quantity of cashew kernels exported during the last three years is given below :—

| | Quantity (tonnes) |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 45,807 |
| 1990-91 | 49,812 |
| 1991-92 | 64,692 |

**Horticultural Economy of Himachal Pradesh**

528. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the horticultural economy of Himachal Pradesh has been excluded from the purview of the Agricultural Policy Resolution approved at Chief Minister's Conference held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the policy resolution and incorporate the horticulture economy of Himachal Pradesh in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c):

@Previously Unstarred Question 34, transferred from 26th April, 1993.

The Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution seeks to provide policy framework for agricultural development at macro-level, to guide the formulation of specific sub-sectoral|sub-regional programmes. The Draft includes reference to horticulture and developing areas of untapped potential including hilly regions.

**Self-sufficiency in Foodgrains**

529. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all States are expected to attain self-sufficiency in foodgrains by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of the States which would not attain self-sufficiency in foodgrains and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) During the Eighth Five Year Plan it has been maintained that food security and relative self-sufficiency in food production is a strategically desirable long term goal for the country.

The strategy of agricultural development during the Eighth Five Year Plan aims at achieving self-sufficiency in foodgrains for the country as a whole and not on State-wise basis as self-sufficiency in foodgrains in all States may not provide optimal crop mix.

**Joint venture for seed production**

530. SHRI S. MADHVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the American seed companies want to have joint ventures in India for seed productiin and export; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. After the announcement of New Industrial Policy, Department of Industrial Development have approved ies namely, M/s Agrigenetics USA, M/s Strayer Seed, USA and M/s Pioneer Overseas Corpn., USA for joint ventures with Indian companies for seed production in India.

**गेहूं की खेती के लिए प्रयुक्त की जा रही भूमि**

531. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय, राज्यवार, कुल कितनी भूमि पर गेहूं की खेती की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान गेहूं के उत्पादन में कमी आई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या गेहूं के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने हेतु किसानों को ; प्रोत्साहन दिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो, इस संबंध में किये जाने वाले उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री** अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) 1992–93 के दौरान गेहूं की खेती के अंतर्गत शामिल किये जाने वाले संभावित क्षेत्रों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है :—

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| बिहार . . | 1950 |
| गुजरात . . | 486 |
| हरियाणा . . | 1900 |
| हिमाचल प्रदेश . | 370 |